Regional Committees of the National Council for Teacher Education who will decide if the institutions satisfy norms and standards prescribed.

CBSE institutions in foreign countries

†1441. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE proposes to open educational institutions in foreign countries for non resident Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the justification and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not open or run a school. It affiliates schools for the purpose of examinations conducted by it. 91 schools located in 18 foreign countries are affiliated to the CBSE as on 26.7.2001.

Central University in Manipur

1442. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Central Universities directly controlled by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that except Manipur, other backward States, specially in the North East and Union Territories, have opened Central Universities; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government for Manipur regarding opening of Central University?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The names of Central Universities in the country are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) No, Sir. There is already a Central University *viz.* Central Agricultural University in Manipur. The National Policy on Education, 1986 as (modified in 1992) lays emphasis on the consolidation and expansion of facilities in the existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities. State Governments however can set up their own Universities by enacting legislation for meeting their specific requirements.

Statement

Names of Central University in the country

S.No.	Name of the Central Universities
(1)	University of Delhi, Delhi
(2)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
(3)	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
(4)	Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi
(5)	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
(6)	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
(7)	Visva-Bharati Shantiniketan, West Bengal
(8)	Hyderabad University, Hyderabad
(9)	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
(10)	North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong
(11)	Assam University, Silchar
(12)	Tezpur University, Napaam, Tezpur
(13)	Nagaland University, Kohima
(14)	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
(15)	Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad
(16)	Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha
(17)	Mizoram University, Aizwal
(18)	Central Agricultural University, Imphal